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Memorial

At left, representatives of all of the area veterans' groups raise the American and POW/MIA flags in front of the Greater Granite City War Memorial on Memorial Day. Above, Boy Scouts from Troop 12 place flags on the graves of veterans buried at St. John's Cemetery. Star Scouts and first-class Scouts placed flags near one of the markers.

Village plans business park development

Initial plans for a new business park development in Pontoon Beach were presented to the Village Board Tuesday.

PONTOON BEACH — Joe Mannisi of Mannisi & Associates in Edwardsville had asked to speak to the Board to seek approval to subdivide the property, located on Crescent Industrial Drive off Highway 111.

The 10-acre property is being developed by Ben Warren, and would be subdivided into seven lots.

Mannisi said the cost of developing the property is estimated at about \$250,000. Lots would then be sold to individ-

ual builders.

The plans, shown to the board included several buildings in the 7,500-square-foot range.

Mannisi said the development would be used primarily for professional office space and small warehouse distribution.

"They have some very interesting pieces," he said.

He said they hope to get approval and begin construction soon.

"We're to get started on the construction documents for the roads and utilities," Mannisi said. "I think this will go fairly quickly, the next 30 or 60 days."

Mannisi said easy accessibility

is one of the biggest reasons Warren wanted to develop the land.

He believes that stretch along Pontoon Beach is a good location," Mannisi said.

He said everything in the proposed site fits village's zoning except in one lot where they cannot meet the requirements for 20-foot rear and side yards.

For that portion he said they would be seeking a variance.

The board approved allowing the property to be subdivided, but Trustee Lou Whitsell said she would have to be a Zoning Board hearing on any variances.

In other business, the board approved three business licens-

es. Approved were a request by Michael Marman for a license for a self-service car wash and laundry — at 4010 Pontoon Road; a request by Kim Benda for Winnie's Circle Race Team Store at 4020 Pontoon Road; and a business license request by Kim Benda for "Cutting Edge" to sell "food and drugs" at the Hard Body Gym, 3022 Hwy 111.

The request had been tabled from the last meeting because several trustees wanted more information about what would be sold.

Benda, who was at Tuesday's meeting, said she would be selling "all natural" items.

EPA hearings this week

Environmental Protection Agency cleanup efforts have become part of the routine in the Granite City area.

Now, the EPA wants to hear concerns from the public and assist in

improving public health. Two "availability sessions" are scheduled that allow residents to informally

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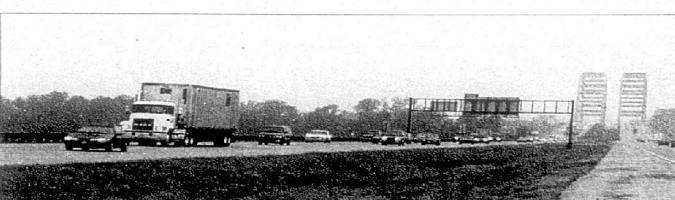
Bridge trouble shows need for new one

The headaches that have plagued Metro East commuters since the eastbound Highway 40 approach to the Poplar Street Bridge closed May 18 could continue through July, but an Illinois

Department of Transportation official said the situation has illustrated the importance of building a new bridge across the Mississippi River.

On May 18, an eastbound truck exiting Interstate 70 onto the Poplar Street Bridge struck a steel girder that spanned Interstate 64 (Highway 40) lanes. The lanes have since been closed to Illinois-bound traffic while the Missouri Department of Transportation makes repairs.

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Barb Heifrich photo
The Jefferson Barracks Bridge — which links south St. Louis County with Monroe County — has become a long route home for many Metro East residents who typically take the Poplar Street Bridge.



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Trailer parks continue to be under fire

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Action against mobile home parks violating village building codes was one of the topics discussed at Tuesday's Pontoon Beach Village Board meeting.

Village Attorney Brian Polinske said they had "several options," and recommended that police begin issuing daily citations to the trailer park owners for the violations.

At a recent meeting, the board approved action against the owners of the Lake Side Mobile Home Park and Cottonwood Mobile Home Park.

Since then, village building inspectors said Freda Brockman, the owner of Cottonwood Mobile Home Park, has begun improvements,

but Lake Side owner Ken Kropf has done nothing.

"I've got his signature on certified mail, so I know he got it," Polinske said.

The village has had continuing problems with mobile home parks.

Most of these problems come from older homes on substandard lots that were grandfathered in when the village either annexed the area or before more strict zoning codes were in place.

Lakeside is one of those. It was purchased by St. Louis developer Ken Kropf in May 1996.

At the time, he said he planned to improve and expand the park, which had older trailers and lots that

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Police capture prison escapee; speeds exceeded 130 mph during long chase

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

While no heroin, cocaine or even marijuana was seized Wednesday afternoon during Caseyville's first drug interdiction program, a fugitive from a Louisiana prison was.

Less than an hour into his traffic patrol on Interstate 64, at about 3 p.m. Wednesday, Officer

CASEYVILLE Fred Moore stopped a 1995 Ford Mustang that had license plates. When he confronted the driver, Moore found Alabama plates in the car's rear window, but the driver could produce no identification. As the two were walking toward the rear of the vehicle while Moore ran the license of the Illinois State Police's Tactical Response Team, which subdued James H. Crockett, 26, after more than two hours of negotiations.

Crockett is the St. Clair County Jail awaiting a variety of criminal charges from other "We don't know what all this guy has done," Moore said.

The chase, during which speeds exceeded 130 mph, headed east on Interstate 64 to Illinois. By the time he reached Alton, Leavenworth units also were chasing the suspect. While a Leavenworth patrol car was struck, no one was injured, Moore said.

Before exiting the interstate, Moore said, the chase went through some traffic, causing the suspect to weave in and out of lanes and on and off the shoulder of the road.

"It's really amazing that no one was killed," Moore said.

The suspect went down a series of back roads, lost control on a turn and crashed in a ditch. He then fled on foot into a wooded area where he stood with police officers.

Crockett, who is from Tammam Parish, La., near New Orleans, walked away from a work detail April 27 that he had been assigned to while incarcerated at the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center.

Crockett had been imprisoned since Feb. 9, serving a five-year sentence on burglary and forgery charges. He had been on probation for an obscenity charge at the time he was arrested on the other charges.

Officially, Leavenworth jail said they had no findings and only one lead on Crockett during his month of freedom. While Natchitoches police disagreed with her, Sherry Stark, the jail's chief guidelines/compliance officer, theorized that Crockett first stole a truck a few blocks from the jail.

Clothing and shoes were stolen a few blocks from where the truck was taken. After that, the trail abruptly ended, she said.

"It's like he vanished into thin air," Stark said. "I'm just shocked. We're trying to figure out what would have taken him to that place."

Starks said authorities thought Crockett would have returned to St. Tammany Parish where he has a child. In fact, he received court papers about the child as well as a restraining order from its mother, just days before his escape, Stark said.

"We thought he would go there to see or get the child and that left (the mother's family) on pins and needles this past month," Stark said.

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\$2.2 million awarded to Granite City schools

Foresight by Board of Education helped secure funding for projects

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A financial boost will help Granite City schools build for the future.

State Reps. Tom Holbrook (D-Belleville) and Steve Davis (D-Naperville) have secured \$2.2 million in state funds for Granite City School District #9 under legislation passed by the General Assembly.

Holbrook and Davis, whose districts include portions of the Granite City area, wanted to make certain Granite City remained on the School Construction Priority List.

Steve Balen, the superintendent, said he hoped the district maintains its position on this list.

District 9 officials submitted the grant in January in hopes of being the first group of school districts submitting grants and competing for the \$24 million state money available in the last fiscal year.

Keeping Granite City in the top levels on the list — especially if the legislature does not re-prioritize the list — would mean Granite City will have a larger priority for the \$330 million available for the next fiscal year, Balen said.

The district began preparing five years ago for this. We had to have sufficient funds to match this."

Steve Balen
superintendent

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According to the legislation, for each \$1 of school district money, the state kicks in \$2 cents.

The Board of Education deserves the credit for the foresight to save and set aside money over the past five years, Balen said.

The money, once in school district hands, would be used for four projects: adding classrooms and thereby reduce classroom size, and also update the oldest buildings in the district.

The first project would be adding additional classrooms to Grigsby Middle School, so

sixth-graders would start attending both Grigsby and Coolidge Middle School, Balen said.

"This is tempered by the slow decline in population," Balen said.

The board will decide whether the project is practical because of the decline.

The second project will involve bringing parts of the Grigsby building up to date.

Next, the district would update Niedringhaus elementary, the oldest school building, which needs new plumbing, lighting and flooring, among other things, Balen said.

Finally, the district would add space to schools on the east side of the district, such as Mitchell and Worthen, to compensate for more people living in those areas.

Potential buildings or actual buildings are considered.

Again, such a project would be given critical examination for its practicality.

"The big thing we're keeping an eye on is the slow but steady decline in population," Balen said.

Tattoo parlor owner calls ban 'ridiculous'

Petition being considered to protest state law limiting age of customers

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Tony Bucaro believes 18-year-olds are mature enough to make a lot of decisions for themselves.

The tattoo parlor owner also said they should be able to get tattoos. But, the Illinois Legislature said they can't.

Bucaro said they should be able to come into his shop, whether or not they can get a tattoo. But, last week, the Collinsville City Council

said they can't.

After voting last Monday, the council voted unanimously in favor of a measure that would prohibit anyone under 21 from being in a tattoo parlor, unless they work there.

"Collinsville wants to keep its businesses going and then take care of their rules and regulations," Bucaro said. "It's ridiculous."

Bucaro owns Tat-Tony's, 620 W. Main St.

He got his own tattoos starting at age 14 and has been a tattoo artist for 22 years. He said

he wants to change both the state's and the

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Fredbird hosts birthday parties

By Barbara Ponder

Staff writer

Cardinals take center field
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"It's a lot of cake eating, a
lot of fun, dancing and lots of
fun for the kids," said Joe
Strohm, director of Cardinals
group sales.

Fredbird's Birthday Bash,
for children ages 15 and under,
begins this year prompted by
requests from fans that Busch
Stadium be opened for
birthday parties said Shawn
Bertani, advertising manager
of community relations for the
St. Louis Cardinals.

"A lot of parents are
Cardinals fans, and they
always have an interest in
seeing Cardinals baseball,"
Bertani said. "I think they
then think about sharing that
interest with their children. We
find Cardinals families
generations."

Strohm said the children's
birthday parties, at \$15 per
person, are a family
entertainment bargain.
Parents can see birthday
parties the parents will drop
their children off, here you see
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Farmers frustrated

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years. The corn market could
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the U.S. average is expected to
come in around the 2.05
mark. That is down from the
1997 average of \$2.40-\$2.50.

The thing to remember is
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What happens to the farmers
in the mean time if these
projection hold up?

By the year 2000 we could

start to see the effects of these
prices as farmers turns to
other crops — possibly
specialty crops — to help
supplement their income. If
this happens, we could see the
availability of our food
supplies slowly diminish from
the markets.

USDA Secretary Dan
Glickman has asked for help
from the farmers during his
tryout. New Glickman
ran into Senate Agriculture
chairman Richard Lugar, who
opposes the temporary fixes
in the original farm policy
sought by the USDA.

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News

Michigan trip to be offered

The Granite City Park District's four-day excursion for July will be July 14 thru 17 and titled, "Meander Through Michigan."

After an early morning getaway from the Wilson Park Ice Rink, the group will travel North to Battle Creek, Mich., for a tour of Kellord's Cereal City, U.S.A. The attraction, scheduled to open in June 1998, will be a walk through time in the cereal industry and promised to be no better than factory tours of years ago.

After the tour, dinner will be at Schuler's Restaurant, a traditional German eating establishment in that area.

Lodging for the three nights will be at the Hampton Inn in Lansing and will be in the Lincoln Park District restaurants will have priority with non-residents in the line placed immediately on a waiting list and those waiting to be placed on the list may do so after noon that day.

The cost of the trip, which includes seven meals, bus fare, all attractions, is \$355 for a single, \$267 each for a double room, \$236 per person for three to a room and \$222 each for four to a room. The full amount must be paid at the time of registration.

requirements.

According to IDPH officials, the pipe failed a March 12 inspection, and also failed a reinspection in early May.

The board also approved seeking bids for bottled water in the village, which had originally considered having plumbers come in and look at the water fountain, but Trustee Bob Vincent suggested bottled water instead.

"I think it's more sanitary and everything else," Vincent said.

It was approved by the board after a brief discussion.

Village cites parks

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were too small to meet village requirements.

Because it did not meet requirements, the owners could not get a permit. Village officials had allowed the sale of the park to Kropf in hopes of improving the area. His original plans called for more newer mobile homes over a larger area with bigger lots.

Lake Side also recently lost its operating license — issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health — because of violations of state

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Area projects state receive funding

By Becky Vollmert
Telegraph staff writer

Although the state legislative session was remarkable primarily for its lack of substantive statewide action, local lawmakers were able to secure extra money for hometown projects.

With a surplus of about \$700 million in budget surplus, millions of dollars were earmarked for Edwardsville area projects — the majority of them assist for roads, schools and historic preservation efforts.

Edwardsville and the surrounding metropolitan area fared well, said state Rep. Ray Hoffman, D-Collinsville, who worked with Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, to push for the funds.

The final budget deal, which lawmakers approved early Saturday morning, "allows us to assist local governments to take some of the pressure off local taxpayers," Hoffman said.

Some of the money secured

for Bowles' 56th Senate District, which covers Edwardsville and western parts of Madison County, and Hoffman's 112th Legislative District, which includes Edwardsville Township, includes:

• Additional \$1.6 million for the widening of Illinois Route 159 from Edwardsville to Collinsville, bringing the total amount of state dollars set aside for the project to about \$14.5 million.

• \$100,000 in matching funds for the City of Edwardsville to buy a land to be used as a park.

• \$120,000 toward building a new senior citizens center in Glen Carbon, which is expected to cost nearly \$300,000.

• \$20,000 for thermal imaging helmets and turnout gear for the Edwardsville Fire Department and the Glen Carbon Fire Protection District.

• \$20,000 for technology improvements at the public libraries in Edwardsville and Glen Carbon.

• More than \$650,000 for renovations to laboratories at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, as well as \$250,000 for the completion of the sports stadium on campus.

• \$100,000 for electric traffic signals at the intersection of North Main Street and Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville.

• \$39,000 for the Madison County Arts Council.

• \$10,000 for walking trails and a basketball court in Edwardsville Township Park.

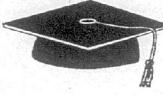
Bowles attributed seeing money for the projects to the state's unusual budget surplus.

"We would never have gotten anything like this if they hadn't had the surplus. And they still are going to have \$700 million left over," she said.

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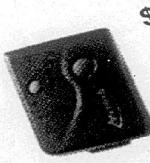
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Harmony, cooperation hold formation of loving family

The next time you happen to see geese flying along in a "V" formation, you may be interested to learn what science has discovered about why they fly that unusual way.

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Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of air in trying to go it alone and

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Catherine Galasso

quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front. When a goose gets tired, it rotates to the back of the formation and another goose takes the lead.

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up in front to

keep up their speed. And if a fellow goose gets sick or is wounded, two geese fall out of formation and follow the injured bird down to help, feed and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to get on its own. Then they launch out to join another group.

We human beings should pay close attention to this valuable information. Albert Einstein once said, "The most important question a human being could answer is 'Is the universe a friendly place?'" We are here on Earth to help one another, he says. "Let not everyone look after their own needs, but on the needs of another." There is strength built into us all when we are willing to stay close in touch with the needs of others in your family or community. People who share a common direction and a sense of

togetherness can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the strength of one another.

Our life is a journey. Going it alone is tough and hard. Unless we uphold each other and continually help one another we never will have the fulfilling, love-filled life we know than you have to be, more compassionate and more loving. When we give our best we increase the abundance of life in our children, our community and in a larger sense, a rippling effect in the lives of strangers that we don't even see. The soul grows when it is giving, when it is in love.

In my life I have noticed that when people care and do good for others, that that goodness gets returned over and over again," one reader said.

A symphony is a beautiful thing to watch and much like life should be. As the conductor begins each instrument in harmony one begins a solo, while the other instruments create a beautiful accompaniment of background music. The violin is in the background and the flute starts a solo as the other instruments accompany it. The musicians do not play for the world and cause disharmony or walk off the stage because they are not in the lead for the moment. But they uphold each other to create beauty and form in the symphony. The musicians are much like the

geese and much like our own family life. Our life and social life should be

stick together close to each other in genuine love, upholding each other in prayer, protecting each other in kindness, feeding each other with encouragement, always reading the music, the word of God and always watching Him ... the Conductor.

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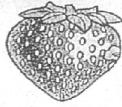
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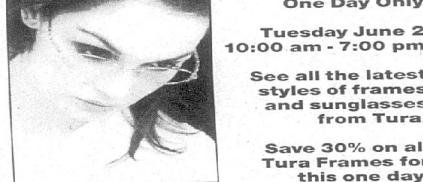
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Fredbird hosting parties at stadium

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booming at that time," Bertani said. "And fans were inquiring about a Cardinals mascot."

"Fredbird was born to enhance the entertainment value and relationship with Cards fans."

Fredbird's duties have grown over time. About 12 years ago, the mascot teamed with Joe Cunningham, a first baseman-outfielder for the Cardinals from 1980 to 1981, to teach elementary and middle school children about the importance of saying no to drugs, staying in school and playing sports.

Their classroom presentation has received national recognition from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, Bertani said.

Fredbird's expanded role and spinoffs such as Team Fredbird, a group of six men and women who pep up the crowd, are some of the ways Cardinals management has re-emphasized baseball as a family event, Bertani said.

The Iron Kids Cardinals Crew, the team's fan club, provides children with an opportunity to get to know Cardinal players. The player representative to the 2-year-old fan club rotates annually. Cardinals right fielder Brian

Jordan is filling the position this year.

Fan club membership is at \$10 and \$15 levels, the difference being the more expensive level includes a Cardinals hat.

Benefits to all members include three tickets to select Cardinals home games, a Team Fredbird t-shirt, card, newsletter and attendance at a private party with some Cardinals players.

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Strange events

'Parental interference' mars sporting events in southern Illinois

No need to dwell here on the fact that several Chicago area high schools have reported an increase in coaching resignations due to "parental interference."

Consider a couple of incidents in southern Illinois, and you've got to wonder just what the heck is going on. In early May at a Pinckneyville-West Frankfort game, the home plate umpire was hit by a West Frankfort player's family confronted the home plate umpire with their fists.

According to witnesses, after a West Frankfort player was called out on strikes in the top of the seventh inning, he cussed and was asked by the ump to "move along," although the player could have been ejected.

When West Frankfort coach John Taylor removed the player from the game, the mother approached by the player's father and grandfather in the dugout. When they did not get the answers they wanted there, the pair waited until after the game to question the umpire.

When the family duo got in the face of the umpire, matters escalated and accusations flew. Pinckneyville Coach Roy Kulenkamp, "he (the umpire) put his hands up to protect himself."

"That's when I tried to step in," said Kulenkamp, who only was shown by the swings of the adults but by the flying fists of the player.

"As long as I've been around baseball, I've never seen anything like it," Kulenkamp was quoted as saying. "It was outrageous. I really felt bad for the kids. In high school sports, you're supposed to have fun."

Although the Illinois High School Association reportedly is investigating the matter, no arrests were made while the player was suspended. The coach, under of the season and the family members have been barred from attending future West Frankfort school activities.

Two days later in DuQuoin, a frustrated parent punched out the coach of the DuQuoin freshman-sophomore baseball team. A complaint was filed and the 52-year-old male adult now faces charges for aggravated battery.

Cause of the conflict? The parent was upset because his son had been suspended from the team first for academic problems and later for missing practices.

According to DuQuoin athletic director Bob Karnes, the parent had approached him about his son's playing time and was sent to the coach.

"We had a nice conversation," Karnes said. "We told him if the coach couldn't answer his questions to come back up to me, and we'd take it up the chain of command."

"Sometimes with sports, people do lose perspective," Karnes was quoted as saying. "It was ugly, that's all I can say."

That's ugly like in the case of the Chicago area coach who could not back his car from his garage because of the parent whose car blocked the driveway to assure that they'd have time

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Nice season

The Granite City girls soccer team's season ended last week with a penalty-kick loss to Edwardsville in the Class AA sectional. The Warriors were beaten by a team from in Illinois only once in regulation this year — by Alton — and avenged that loss with a 4-0 victory at home. ABOVE: Granite City's Melissa Montgomery (white jersey) threads the needle through the Alton defense. AT RIGHT: Granite City's Christina Wilters controls the ball against Alton.



John Frese photos

ALL-JOURNAL CLASS AA GIRLS TRACK TEAM

Tyler remains one of state's best

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Jamie Tyler fell short of a second state title, but the O'Fallon senior still ended her prep career on a positive note.

Tyler won the Class AA state championship in the high jump last year, had to settle for third place this season with a jump of 5 feet 7 inches.

State champ Kristan Pace of Gurnee Warren and runner-up LaShawn Jacobs each jumped 5-8.

Jamie was obviously disappointed, but I told her anytime you finish in the top three in the state and you've been there for the past three years, it's quite an honor," said O'Fallon coach Denise

Lee. "Her form looked great and she barely missed 5-8. When she didn't make it, she said she was shocked. Confidence wasn't a problem for her."

The 6-foot-2 Tyler is the Class AA Track Athlete of the Year according to the Illinois Journal of Sport.

She is equally talented at volleyball and basketball and was named the 1997-98 Female Athlete of the Year by the vector St. Louis area by the sports editors of the Suburban Journals. As a sophomore, she placed second in the state in the high jump at 5-7.

In the same height she jumped last year in winning the title.

"Jamie performed really well all year," Lee said. "She was named team MVP



O'Fallon senior Jamie Tyler was state runner-up in the IHSA Class AA high jump competition this spring after winning the title in 1997.

at our awards dinner (Thursday) night. She's an outstanding athlete and an outstanding lady."

After being recruited by

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Long home run helps O'Fallon's Bieber earn a ticket to Florida junior college

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Thanks to a well-timed home run at the Cahokia Tournament, Lyndsey Bieber is Florida-bound.

Lynsey, a senior left fielder for the O'Fallon softball team, recently signed a letter of intent to play at Chipola Junior College in Macclenny, Fla.

Chipola coach Sharon Coleman, a 1987 Cahokia High graduate and a former pitcher at DePaul University — met Bieber as a result of a close encounter.

Bieber has one ball.

"It went over the right field fence, where

(Coleman) was watching another game, and it almost hit her," said Bieber, who really interested me."

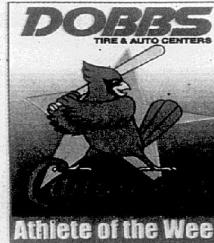
"Their softball program is the most intense I'm going there," Bieber said.

"(Coleman) explained a lot to me. She said they are like sisters, which really

interested me."

Upon meeting Coleman,

Bieber planned to attend Belleville Area College for two years and then transfer



to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.
"I've started in left field."

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Collinsville tops Panthers

Kahoks record 13th shutout in sectional semifinal win

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Collinsville High struck early and often to take the home field advantage away

from O'Fallon on Thursday in the semifinals of the Class AA O'Fallon Sectional.

The Kahoks scored four first-half goals and made them stand up for a 4-0 shutout victory.

Top-seeded Collinsville (20-2-2) faced Belleville East on Tuesday afternoon for the sectional title. The Lancers reached the sectional championship with a 2-1 victory against upstart Edgewood on Thursday night.

We had to come out (strong) because you are playing a team on their home field and when you come to someone's home turf, it is a little different," Collinsville coach Deana Wallace said. "I told the girls we have to come out hard and we have to come out fast and as quick as we can. We played to no advantage and I think we caught them a little bit flat-footed. We took it to them. We expended a lot of energy in that first half. We were really tired in the second half, it paid off for us. We didn't give up."

anything."

O'Fallon coach Dave Ames was searching for reasons why the Kahoks looked lethargic in the first 40 minutes of play.

"O'Fallon came out very hard," Ames said. "It's obvious they are the No. 1 seed and a good team. I feel we weren't into it enough. We needed to begin with. To be real honest, I didn't think we played very good defense. They are a good team and let's not take anything away from them, but a lot of that is our inexperience with our players not playing enough. They really look like we weren't ready to play."

While the Lady Panthers (14-8-3) struggled, the Kahoks defense gave another A-plus for their effort. The defense played without the services of senior Jodie Bales and

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Tigers' victory against GCHS marks highlight for fledgling program

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Despite falling 2-1 to Belleville East in the semifinals of the IHSA Class AA O'Fallon Sectional on Thursday, the Edwardsburg girls soccer team were still bubbling over with excitement.

Belleville East fans and coaches, Collinsville High parents and O'Fallon High parents all offered congratulations to Edwardsburg.

Edgewood soccer coach Mark Schwarzkopf and his players prior to the Tigers-Lancers clash. The players had made a sign that read "National Champions" and proudly stuck it to the windows of the bus for their trip to O'Fallon.

All the commotion had to do with the Tigers' 2-1 victory against the Lancers on Tuesday evening. The Tigers won the game in the sudden death penalty kick format.

It marked the first time in the history of the Tigers girls soccer program that the team defeated Granite City.

"Historically, this has got to be the best academic (school) year for Edwardsburg High school," Schwarzkopf said. "At this point, we have the two most important victories."

Schwarzkopf said, "One was the St. Charles match on the boys side to get us to the state tournament and this match.

On the girls side, this is just absolutely spectacular that we made it to the finals."

The seventh-seeded Tigers were huge underdogs against the eighth-seeded Granite City Warriors.

The Edwardsburg soccer program is only in its third year of existence. In the two previous seasons that the Tigers have been members of the Southeastern Conference, they had beaten a conference opponent just once.

Granite City scored first last week at the 25th minute to take a 1-0 lead. As the game progressed into the second

quarter, Schwarzkopf said it appeared the Lady Warriors were content with picking up the shutout.

Edwardsburg freshman Lindsay Anderson changed all of that when she took a pass from Erin Gusewelle and scored at the 72nd minute, tying the score and changing the momentum of the contest.

"The timing of (Lucket's) goal couldn't have been better," Schwarzkopf said that because it just changed everything for us."

Schwarzkopf said, "Late in the match like that, and with Granite City putting such a tremendous team emphasis on shutouts, they really pride themselves defensively. To knock one in with eight minutes left, their (the Lady Warriors') confidence subsided somewhat."

Gusewelle was the difference in the Tigers goal.

"Erin was in the goal up until about 15 minutes ago in the game," Schwarzkopf said. "We needed the equalizer. She changes a lot for us as a field player. We have done this before. She came on and took a shot and cracked one off the crossbar, which really elicited our confidence. Then she got the assist off a corner kick."

"Right after the equalizer, she got herself right back in goal as the girls are competing, so it was kind of like amongst everybody else trying to get set up as a field player again for the kick off," said. "No. Get back there, she couldn't get back in time because they were screaming so loud."

"I almost had to walk onto the field to grab her to get her to go back."

For the two overtime periods, the Tigers limited the numbers of attackers up top and played more of a defensive shell to prohibit Granite City from mounting any strong scoring threat.

Each team made four of five penalty kicks in the PK round. The next round went to sudden

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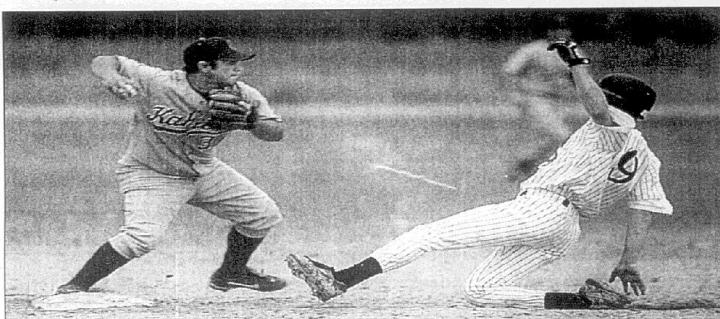


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Final
tuneup

Triad and Collinsville attempted to play a non-conference game last Tuesday but were postponed after three innings by rain. Both teams were set to play Saturday in their first postseason games after opening-round byes.

ABOVE: Triad's Corey Boeshans takes a lead off first base while Collinsville first baseman Derek LeMaster holds him on. **AT RIGHT:** Collinsville infielder Dan Munoz throws to first base after forcing out Triad's Todd Baebler at second base.



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Granite City Park District Results

GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT SOFTBALL JUNIOR COLE 35-AND-OVER		W-L
Team: Cindy's.	2-0	
Jacobsmeyers/Bud Light.	1-1	
Jacobsmeyers.	1-2	
Eagles.	1-1	
MHC.	0-2	
Scores		
Jacobsmeyers/Bud Light 20, MHC 19.		
Eagles 16, Jacobsmeyers/Bud Light 12.		
Week 2		
Jacobsmeyers/Bud Light 18, MHC 2.		
Bundy's 17, Jacobsmeyers 10.		
Bundy's 17, Jacobsmeyers 4.		
SENIORS 50-AND-OVER		
Team: Supreme Dogs.	2-0	
A.G. Edwards.	1-1	
Dr. Jacks.	1-1	
Ancient Warriors.	1-1	
Metal 10.	1-1	
Scores		
Metro 23, A.G. Edwards 3.		
A.G. Edwards 8, Metro 10.		
D.C. 13, Ancient Warriors 12.		
Ancient Warriors 10, Dr. Jacks 9.		
Senior Dogs 13, U.S. Pallet 10.		
Senior Dogs 23, U.S. Pallet 3.		
SOHN ANTOFF 50-AND-OVER		
Team: M.C.I.	W-L	
A.G. Edwards.	1-0	
Hooch & Sixteen.	0-1	
Dairy Queen/Old Rockies.	0-1	
Scores		
M.C.I. 6, D.Q. Old Rockies 5.		
A.G. Edwards 15, Hooch & Sixteen 9.		
Men 4A		
Team: M.C.I.	W-L	
Bindy's Bud Light.	2-0	
T's Bar & Grill.	2-0	
Dooley Appraisal.	0-2	
Electric Mud Puppies.	0-2	
Scores		
T's Bar & Grill 17, Dooley Appraisal 6.		
Bindy's Bud Light 25, Electric Mud Puppies 7.		
Week 2		
T's Bar & Grill 15, Electric Mud Puppies 7.		
Bindy's Bud Light 10, Dooley Appraisal 8.		
Men 1A		
Team: M.C.I.	W-L	
G.C. Pest Kickapoo.	2-0	
Y.T.S.	1-0	
Bald Eagle.	1-1	
Shipley Chiropractic.	1-1	
Hideaway Cafe.	1-1	
Huento Steel.	1-1	
Gateway Packers.	0-2	
Walters Sheet Metal.	0-2	
Scores		
T's Bar & Grill 17, Dooley Appraisal 6.		
Bindy's Bud Light 25, Electric Mud Puppies 7.		
Week 2		
T's Bar & Grill 15, Electric Mud Puppies 7.		
Bindy's Bud Light 10, Dooley Appraisal 8.		

European Tanners.		0-2
Team: Tower Automotive.	W-L	
Week 1		
Tower Automotive 16, Walter Sheet Metal 10.		
Bad Boys 12, European Tanners 9.		
Huento Steel 25, Gateway Packers 2.		
Dawgs 21, Shipley Chiropractic 11.		
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 20, Hideaway Cafe 0.		
Week 2		
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 11, Bad Boys 2.		
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 10, Dawgs 8.		
Hideaway Cafe 16, Gateway Packers 1.		
Tower Automotive 14, European Tanners 10.		
VTS 21, Huento Steel 9.		
Shipley Chiropractic 16, Walters Sheet Metal 4.		
MEN 3A		W-L
Team: Multicare Specialists.	3-0	
Pigs.	1-0	
Baldy's Homes.	1-2	
Bindy's II.	1-2	
Bindy's/Country Company.	1-2	
Hooks.	0-3	
Scores		
Week 1		
Multicare Specialists 14, Jackson Homes 2.		
Bindy's/Country Company 14, Bindy's II.		
Pigs 21, Bindy's II 17.		
Week 2		
Pigs 10, Bindy's II 4.		
Multicare Specialists 14, Hook's 13.		
Jackson Homes 19, Bindy's/Country Company 12.		
MEN 3A BLUE		W-L
Team: Iino's Gamecocks.	2-0	
Outlaws.	2-0	
G.C. Sox.	2-1	
Midnight Outlaws.	1-2	
Ball Blasters.	1-2	
American Collard.	0-3	
Scores		
Week 1		
Iino's Gamecocks 23, G.C. Sox 19.		
Ooutlaws 23, American Collard 11.		
Week 2		
Ooutlaws 17, Pines 15, MHC 15.		
Midnight Outlaws 24, American Collard 10.		
G.C. Sox 17, Ball Blasters 16.		
MEN 5A		W-L
Team: Peet-Beatty-Moll.	1-2	
Hoot's Roughriders.	1-2	
Scores		
Week 1		
Peet-Beatty-Moll 7, Hoot's 6.		
Hoot's Roughriders 7, Peet-Beatty-Moll 10.		
Week 2		
Hoot's 9, Team Performance 7.		
Team Performance 12, T's Roughriders 4.		
MEN 1A		W-L
Team: G.C. Pest Kickapoo.	2-0	
Y.T.S.	1-0	
Dawgs.	1-1	
Shipley Chiropractic.	1-1	
Hideaway Cafe.	1-1	
Huento Steel.	1-1	
Gateway Packers.	0-2	
Walters Sheet Metal.	0-2	
Scores		
Week 1		
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 10, Y.T.S. 9.		
Dawgs 1, Shipley Chiropractic 1.		
Hideaway Cafe 1, Huento Steel 1.		
Gateway Packers 1, Walters Sheet Metal 1.		
Week 2		
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 10, Y.T.S. 9.		
Dawgs 1, Shipley Chiropractic 1.		
Hideaway Cafe 1, Huento Steel 1.		
Gateway Packers 1, Walters Sheet Metal 1.		
NORM GROTE CHURCH 2A		W-L
Team: St. John.	2-0	
Suburban.	1-0	
Calvary Capital Edwardsville.	1-1	
Harvest Assembly.	1-1	
Calvary Baptist.	1-1	
First Assembly.	0-1	
Word of Life.	0-2	
Scores		
Week 1		
St. John 7, Edwardsville 1.		
Suburban 7, Calvary Capital Edwardsville 1.		
Harvest Assembly 10, Word of Life 7.		
Calvary Baptist 7, First Assembly 1.		
First Assembly 7, Word of Life 7.		
Week 2		
St. John 17, Edwardsville 1.		
Suburban 17, Calvary Capital 11.		
Harvest Assembly 10, Word of Life 7.		
Calvary Baptist 17, First Assembly.		
First Assembly 17, Word of Life 7.		
MEN 5A		W-L
Team: Peet-Beatty-Moll.	1-2	
Hoot's Roughriders.	1-2	
Scores		
Week 1		
Peet-Beatty-Moll 7, Hoot's 6.		
Hoot's Roughriders 7, Peet-Beatty-Moll 10.		
Week 2		
Edwardsville 11, Calvary Capital 11.		
Harvest Assembly 10, St. John's UCC 12.		
Calvary Capital 17, Calvary Baptist 4.		
MEN 1A		W-L
Team: G.C. Pest Kickapoo.	2-0	
Y.T.S.	1-0	
Dawgs.	1-1	
Shipley Chiropractic.	1-1	
Hideaway Cafe.	1-1	
Huento Steel.	1-1	
Gateway Packers.	0-2	
Walters Sheet Metal.	0-2	
Scores		
Week 1		
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 10, Y.T.S. 9.		
Dawgs 1, Shipley Chiropractic 1.		
Hideaway Cafe 1, Huento Steel 1.		
Gateway Packers 1, Walters Sheet Metal 1.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
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Week 2		
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Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
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Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	
Berry's.	1-1	
Brown's.	1-1	
Week 2		
Hoot's 15, Kramden's 15.		
Kramden's 15, Berry's 10.		
Berry's 15, Brown's 10.		
WOMEN 1A		W-L
Team: Hoot's.	2-0	
Kramden's.	1-1	
First Assembly.	1-1	

All-Journal Girls AA Track

Girls AA Track Second team

High jump — Jamie Tyler, O'Fallon.
Long jump — Miana Gordon, Belleville.
Shot put — Danielle Lawary, Belleville West.
Discus — Monique Stevens, East St. Louis Lincoln.
3,200 relay — Edwardsville (Nellie Sauer, Sarah Dortsch, Suzy Nuccete, Amy Semith).

800 medley — East St. Louis Senior.

400 relay — East St. Louis Lincoln

(Cherita Butler, Elisha Wright, Elvira Williams; Nikki Moore).
100 dash — Brandi Fowler, Cahokia.
100 hurdles — Elvira Williams, East St. Louis Lincoln.

3,200 run — Abby Perez, Belleville East.

800 run — Amy Semith, Edwardsville.

800 relay — East St. Louis Lincoln (Elvira Williams, Amy Semith, Patricia Singleton and Cherita Butler).

400 dash — Elisha Wright, East St. Louis Lincoln.

300 hurdles — Elvira Williams, East St. Louis Lincoln.

1,600 run — Jennie Illig, O'Fallon.

Triple jump — Teyonda Mitchell, Cahokia.

200 dash — Elisha Wright, East St. Louis Lincoln.

1,600 relay — East St. Louis Lincoln (Elisha Wright, Nikki Moore, Katria Lampley, Nikki Qui Brown).

Second team

High jump — Christine Archibald, Belleville West; Laura Johnston, Althoff.

Long jump — Kristen Haller, Waterloo.

Shot put — Tarra Reynolds, Belleville East; Shelly Rufer, Trid.

Discus — Lakiesha Gaston, O'Fallon; Tarra Reynolds, Belleville East.

3,200 relay — Belleville West, East St. Louis Lincoln.

400 relay — Edwardsville, Cahokia.

100 dash — Cherita Butler, East St. Louis Lincoln; Eboni Jackson, Edwardsville.

100 hurdles — Carla Hill, East St. Louis Senior.

3,200 run — Katie Lanius, Belleville East.

800 run — Katria Lampley, East St. Louis.

Louis Lincoln; Sarah Swain, Granite City.

800 relay — Cahokia.

400 dash — Donyle Kelly, Belleville East.

300 hurdles — Sarah Turpin, Belleville West; Nikki Moore, East St. Louis.

1,600 run — Catherine Betz, Belleville West; Amy Semith, Edwardsville.

Triple jump — Patricia Singleton, East St. Louis Lincoln.

200 dash — Tameka Isbell, East St. Louis.

1,600 relay — Edwardsville; O'Fallon.

Tyler tops All-Journal track team

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numerous NCAA Division I schools. Tyler recently signed with Illinois State University.

"She got a scholarship to be their high jumper," Lee said. "She visited the school a few days ago and she was very happy. She has been working with the coaching staff. She'll have a high jump coach, which is something she was looking for. She's had one here for the past four years; former head coach Rich McCormick."

Tyler's best jump this season was 5-8 at the Mount Vernon Sectional. She was also part of the Panthers' 4x400 relay team, which qualified for state. But didn't reach the finals. She went to state as a freshman and sophomore in the 4x800 relay and qualified as a junior in the 4x400.

"I can use her pretty much every weekend and get a plance out of it," Lee said prior to the sectional. "In the (South Seven) conference meet, she won the long jump in 16-5½, which was the best jump of her high school career. She can also run the 400 and 800."

"Tyler's success was due to a blend of talent and dedication. She often practiced her high jump in the early morning in the morning before school, and she was usually one of the last athletes to leave afternoon practice sessions.



O'Fallon senior Lyndsey Bieber has enjoyed a fine spring season for the Panthers and has signed to play college softball at Chipola Junior College in Florida.

Bieber signs with Chipola Junior College

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since the middle of my sophomore year," Bieber said. "I played basketball as a freshman and sophomore and volleyball as a freshman, but softball just kind of took over."

"I play in the summer and winter for the O'Fallon Rage. It's been a big help. I also take hitting lessons in the winter and fall with Ed Godard (who works with many other local players).

"Playing college softball has always been a big goal for me. I'm trying to work on my fielding ability, too. I want to be more of an all-around player. I was an infielder my freshman and sophomore years for the junior varsity team."

Coleman is entering her third season as head coach at Chipola, which is located in northern Florida, about 45 minutes from Panama City Beach. This year, she guided the Lady Indians to a 38-12 record. Coleman hopes Bieber is the first of several recruits from the Metro East.

"I'm not used to sunny weather, so I'll have to bring a lot of umbrella," Bieber said, laughing.

"I'm also working on keeping my grades up," she added.

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Lancers oust Edwardsville

By Scott Marion

Staff writer

Heading into Thursday's sectional soccer semifinals, Belleville East senior Cori Turpin had two goals.

GIRLS SOCCER

The game was over, Turpin had two more goals and the Lancers had a 2-1 victory against Edwardsville.

"She picked a good time to double her goal total," East coach Mark Lasley said with a laugh. "Cori and all of our seniors did a great job up front. We're playing as a unit."

Our goalkeeper (Nikki Delgado) and our backfield faced a lot of pressure, but they did a good job. I felt we had the better chances, but Edwardsville was really pushing it late in the game and trying to go into overtime like they did against Granite (City)

on Tuesday, when the Tigers won 2-1 on penalty kicks.

East (13-7-2) was the No. 6 seed in the O'Fallon Sectional. The Lancers were scheduled to play top-seeded Collinsville at 7 p.m. in the championship game. East lost to twice to the Kahoks in the regular season, but by scores of 3-2 and 1-0.

In Thursday's game, Edwardsville (10-1-1) took a 1-0 lead at the 14:16 mark of the first half on a direct kick goal by Lacy Hampton.

Turpin tied the game late in the first half when she scored in the 18th position after a crossing pass from junior teammate Christen Seaman.

Senior Shannon Bramble set up East's second goal at the 58:08 mark in the second half. She crossed the ball from the left. Edwardsville net, setting up Turpin, who beat Tigers sophomore goalkeeper Erin Gusewelle.

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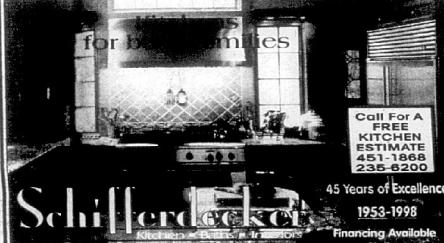
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Sports

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sophomore Jessica Duckworth, who both missed the game because of injuries. Yet the Kahoks still managed to post their 13th shutout of the season.

Mandy Waitukaitis was solid in the nets. She stopped a breakaway in the second half when she came off her line to challenge the play.

Tasha Siegel set up the Kahoks first goal when she got inside the Panthers penalty box on the attack. An O'Fallon defender was called for obstruction, which resulted in an indirect free kick.

Kelly Bowling took the indirect kick and flicked it over to Lori Benesh, who drilled a low, ground hugging shot through traffic to quickly give the Kahoks a 1-0 lead just 5:04 into the game.

Cara LeMaster doubled the Kahoks' lead at

7:01 when she used her speed to run past the Lady Panthers defense. LeMaster scored with a defender practically draped on her.

Jeana Dietrich stole the right wing. She was wide around the same defender and then fired a perfect knee-high pass across the front of the goal that Angie Blumner tapped in.

Blumner delivered the final blow when LeMaster worked around a defender in the same manner as Dietrich and LeMaster fired a shot deep from the right wing to Blumner, who was in the right place again to tap the ball in for the Kahoks at 36:05.

"With one and two goals, you are still very nervous," Wallach said. "When we got that fourth goal is almost like the icing on the cake you could say. I would have liked to have had one in the second half. We had opportunities but we may have been a little tired and sometimes when you are tired you are not concentrating as hard."

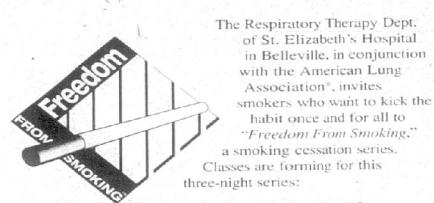
Tigers' triumph looms large for new program

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death PKs.

In the sudden death round, Gusewelle came up with two huge saves and Jill Luckett was credited with the what turned out to be the winning PK.

"After Erin saved the second one, the celebration began," Schwarzkopf said. "The celebration was one of the nicest experiences I have made it a great year to be involved in high school athletics and witness such exhilaration."



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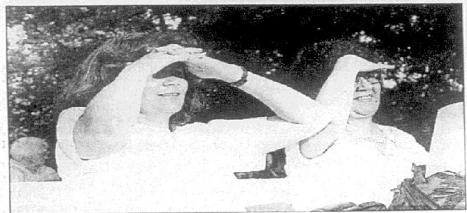
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Community concert

Above left: Emily Kenne, left, Amy Buzzel and young Ethan Cody Bazzell at the Granite City Adult Community Band concert, held May 17 at Wilson Park. Above right: The brass section of the Granite City Adult Community Band plays. At left: Dave Thompson plays the drums in the Granite City Adult Community Band concert. At right: Sharon Gergan and Shirley Jones watch their relatives play in the band. Amature and professional musicians alike are invited to join the band, which plays next on July 5 in Wilson Park.

Today designated 'No-Tobacco' day

Today has been designated by the World Health Organization as World No-Tobacco Day.

The theme for this year's event is "Growing Up Tobacco-Free: Children With a Bright Future."

World No-Tobacco Day started in 1988 in recognition of the threat tobacco use poses to global public health.

It is one of many worldwide health days designated by the WHO.

The day draws attention to the need to eliminate tobacco use and promotion of tobacco products throughout the world.

The following are some statistics from the American Cancer Society:

- Every 13 seconds, someone dies from tobacco use.

- "Passive" smoke kills approximately 50,000 Americans each year.

- Smoking kills more people than heroin, alcohol, murder, fire and car crashes combined.

"When I speak to kids about making the choice not to smoke, the students are genuinely surprised that

tobacco companies seek new customers," said Jean Barnard, health educator at Madison County Health Department.

Every day, 3,000 teenagers begin smoking.

The American Lung Association estimates that 90 percent of smokers begin before they are 18 years old.

There are 33.2 million smokers in the United States.

For more information regarding World No-Tobacco Day, call Barnard at the Madison County Health Department, 692-8954.

Organizations

Legion Post 307

Vanier Madison American Legion Post 307 held its annual Memorial Day Service on May 25 at the Post 307 Home in Pontoon Beach.

Guided by chairpersons Norma Hillmer and 307's American Legion Auxiliary served coffee and doughnuts at 10:30 a.m.

Post member Charles Martinez, Chief of the Active Coast Guard, was Master of Ceremonies and

The Post's Color Guard — Jack Toliver, Louis Martin Jr., Gary Swift, Andy Modrusic and Rick Barnhart — posted Colors.

Jerry Benini served as acting Chaplain for opening and closing prayers. Gold Star Sisters present and introduced were Doris Martin, Dormaile Peach and Wiladeen Walker.

A memorial poem was read by Jane

Modrusic. Chief Martinez presented remarks about Memorial Day, persons now in heaven and peace in the future.

Auxiliary members Dorothy Hinson, Lynn Cuvar, Kato Buechel, Dolores Weis, Juanita Hinson and Bettie Nuttall joined the wreath.

A Auxiliary wreath was presented to Mary Scarsdale and Nancy Colby. The Color Guard rapped.

The grounds were beautiful with the 700 crosses with flags and poppies on each cross.

Lunch was served following the services.

About 100 people were in attendance for the service.

Tuesday, May 19, Hostesses were Franklin Elbeck and Dolores Stoy of Edwardsville, and Carol Page of Jamestown. Eighteen were present.

Chapeau Wanda Taylor conducted the business meeting.

Donald Sod, Children and Youth Chairperson, collected \$7.82 for the Superkids Campership Fund. Partners turned in money for the Cystic Fibrosis Walk-A-Thon.

Shirley Landolt conducted the attendance prize drawing, which was won by Norma Hillmer.

Scholarship Chairperson Irene Schneck collected \$8 for her fund.

Judy Zimmerman announced that plans were okay for the June meeting to be held at the Ponderosa restaurant in Highland.

A beautiful crocheted stole was won by the Spring Pouver by the Saloon. It was decided to hold a drawing, which was won by Zerma Harmon of Sorrento.

LaMarche Departmental (Convention) will be held at 31 through Aug. 2, at Champaign, Ill. Twelve partners plan to attend.

The following officers were elected at the meeting: Chapeau Zella Emde of Bettendorf; Dona Chappell of New Palestine; Arlene Deni Chapeau-Douxieme Shirley Landolt of Alton; LaArchiviste Wanda Taylor of Bettendorf; Vice-Chairwoman Vicki of Alton; and LaConcerde Zerma Harmon of Sorrento. Delegates and alternates for the LaMarche Departmental were then elected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and bingo was played.

Those attending from the Granite City area were Mary Ballentine, Frances Cowley, Norma Hillmer and Dorothy Hinson.

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, MAY 31

The sensitive moon in gregarious Leo is at a hard aspect to Mercury in Taurus today, so be careful not too overreact to unexpected comments. Anxieties should lesson by evening when the moon's rapid progress will have it residing in the earthy sign of Virgo, in harmony with both Mars and Venus in the earthy sign of the bull, Taurus.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 31). The year ahead will mean increased attention for you, so don't be too shy to entice who you're eyeing or adoring others from afar does no good if they don't know who you are. Introduce yourself and flirt. New jobs find you ripe and ready in June and October. Your best signs for romance are Sagittarius and Virgo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).



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Prospective employers are met at community celebrations. A temporary love quickly becomes part of your life. Family members who were interested change their tune once they know all the facts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Fireworks light up your love

life. A work-related gathering is set to bring out your tension. Make tough decisions.

Indecision is much worse than deciding wrong. Seize a social invitation, and employment leads follow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Others never can complete you, though you may have set a belief in your head. Friends have a sure money-making idea. Use intuition to zero in on answers to your guilty party appears angry.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Break the silence; someone has to start the discussion on important issues. Keep work completely separate for now.

You will benefit from showing vulnerability to those in charge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Love happily hogs your schedule.

Finances become more stable because of your reasonable budgeting. Invite others to your home, and bonds are set with your social activities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Separate what a partner wants from what you need. You can defend your position with bullies more easily than you think, and you're more influential at the gym or on a walk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22).

Clear your schedule for maximum romantic potential.

Pals give you better perspectives about love.

Relatives will demonstrate more care and sensitivity than in the past. Participate in a party.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21).

Relax. Easy communication revolves around your comfortable demeanor. A

terrible movement in your personal life comes from separating your needs from your wants and focusing on what you have control over already.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Big results come when you respect your own talent. Gear up for a new work opportunity. Capricorns and Pisces are on your team.

Depending on friends is safe, but you might still do better on your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let children know how much you need them. Straight talk proves to be more lucrative than beating around the bush. Pushing projects to

the back burner is necessary to dedicate quality time to the ones you care about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your concentration is super. A lover is forthcoming with funds. Get to know those in power by socializing and writing. Taking an emotional risk, your nose for bargains is sharp, so take advantage of it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Romance moves along well already, and you're ready. Aries offers spastic companionship, but Virgo is the most likely to come through with commitment.

Healthy choices are admired.

Movie schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, May 31. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIQUE PETITE

1-70 & Hwy. 157, Collinville, Ill., 344-1708.
Hope Floats (PG-13) 1:20, 3:45, 7:20, 9:45
Deep Impact (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45
Almost Heroes (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill., 254-2889
The Horse Whisperer (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 8:00
Hope Floats (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45
Almost Heroes (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30

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Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6580
Lost In Space (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00, 9:40
Paulie (PG) 2:30, 7:30, 9:30
Paulie (PG) As It Gets (PG-13) 2:15, 7:15, 9:00

LINCOLN THEATER

103 W. Main, Belleville, Ill., 233-1233

Primary Colors (R) 1:30, 7:00, 9:15
Wild Things (R) 7:05, 9:20
The Wedding Singer (PG-13) 1:45, 7:15, 9:15

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Rd., 254-4530
Titanic (PG-13) 2:00, 7:15
City Of Angels (PG-13) 2:15, 6:45

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I Got The Hook Up (R) 8:45
He Got Game (R) 10:35
Woo (R) 8:45
Players Club (R) 10:15

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Quest For Camelot (G) 12:10, 2:10, 4:10
I Got The Hook Up (R) 7:00, 9:45
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Hope Floats (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05

Titanic (PG-13) 1:00, 4:55, 9:00
I Got The Hook Up (R) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 8:00
I Got The Hook Up (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Forrest Gump Loathing in Las Vegas (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
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Godzilla (PG-13) 12:00, 3:00, 5:55, 9:15
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:45, 9:45
Godzilla (PG-13) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30

QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill., 233-1220
The Horse Whisperer (PG-13) 12:30, 4:15, 7:45
Hope Floats (PG-13) 1:30, 4:45, 7:45
Godzilla (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Almost Heroes (PG-13) 12:15, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00

REGENCY SQUARE 8
108 Regency Parkway, 946-8000
City Of Angels (PG-13) 2:30, 5:30, 8:00
Paulie (PG) 5:50
Mercy Rising (R) 7:45
Les Miserables (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00
Black Dog (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
Almost Heroes (PG-13) 2:20, 5:30, 7:35
I Got The Hook Up (R) 2:05, 6:00
Good Will Hunting (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:30

Roxana Cine Theater
Roxana, Ill., 254-6746
Quest For Camelot (G) 2:00, 7:00

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Titanic (PG-13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:40, 10:15
Sliding Doors (PG-13) 2:15, 4:00, 7:20, 9:30
Almost Heroes (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Godzilla (PG-13) 11:45, 3:30, 6:45, 9:15
Titanic (PG-13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:30
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Hope Floats (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
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Events calendar

Community

Two special registration days for GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT youth and adult programs will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 6 and 8 to 8 p.m. June 11 at Brown recreation Center.

The youth programs are for summer recreation, Mini cheerleading, pop dancing, swimming, gymnastics, tennis lessons, ballet/jazz/hipp dancing, baseball school, softball school and girls drill team.

Adult programs include Silhuettes, step aerobics, tennis and country line dancing.

ID cards may be purchased during these times as well. Call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059 for more information.

The FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY is holding the 15th annual book sale 6 to 9 p.m. June 9 and 9 a.m. to noon June 10 at the library.

Admission is \$1 on Friday night, no charge to members of Friends of the Library and no charge for Saturday.

day morning. All books, records and magazines are 25 cents. Call 797-0223 or 452-6238 for more information.

Music/concerts

Drummer STAN FORNASZEWSKI AND HIS BIG BAND presents the "Best of Big Bands and Beyond." Concerts are free and open to the public, and are held Saturday 7:30 p.m. at Wilson Park. Upcoming dates are June 4 and 18.

Stage plays/musicals

The SUMMERSTAGE PLAYHOUSE presents "Foolish Things Happened on the Way to the Forum." The last performance is today, Sunday.

Written by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, with music by Jerry Bock and Alan Jay Lerner, "Forum" is the story of the slave Pseudolus, personal slave to young Hero.

Hero, whose parents, the vaguely

senile Senex and the domineering Donula, are about to take a journey to visit her mother. They leave their number one slave, Hysterium, in charge, cautioning him to keep their secret. In the clutches of the conniving Lycus.

But Hero has already spied one of the herd who captures the lovely, young Philia, and is deeply in love. The crafty Pseudolus offers Hero a deal to help him escape from his master,换取 for giving him a free man. The love-stricken youth eagerly agrees and what follows is a series of Broadway's funniest moments.

The show, based on the works of the Roman playwright Plautus, blends old-fashioned audience participation with a taproot. The show has lots of stock shick - wily servants, a vain-glorious butler, a lecherous master, a conniving slave, a scheming wife, infant children stolen by pirates, and the love of two

youngsters.

Leading the cast through this rollicking romp through Rome is Marc Lull as Pseudolus, with Ken Elliott as Hysterium, Mark Miller as Lycus, Brian Bodman as Philia, Jack Moenster as Senex, Beverly Scroggins as Domina, Karen Nelson as Lycus' slave, and an Eunuchus and Chuck Hill as Miles Gloriosus.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and \$3 for seniors. \$2 off the admission when attending the show wearing a toga. Summerstage is located at 1350 27th in Granite City. For more information call to reserve seats, call 451-1032 or 451-5785.

SUMMER SHOWBIZ, the annual stock theater program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will offer two Broadway classics for summer fare this year: *Meredith Willson's beloved "The Music Man,"* and the magical musical

"Brigadoon."

"The Music Man" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. June 11-14 and 18-21, and at 2 p.m. June 15. "Brigadoon" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. July 9-12 and 16-19, and at 2 p.m. July 19. All performances are in SIUE's Communications Center.

Willsons' tribute to small-town life in the Midwest will be the lovable comic man, Harry Hill, with company from River City, low down to make a fast buck by convincing the townspeople he can put together a children's band. However, the teacher falls for the local piano teacher and that can't go through with

the swindle.

"Brigadoon," with its memorable songs and lovely charm, is about two Americans who stumble on a magical town in the hills of Scotland, a town in which life and love abound outside the normal world.

The two become caught up with the residents and the mythical makeup of the town and must decide whether to stay or leave.

Tickets for each show are \$10; \$8 for senior citizens 65 and older, students, and SIUE faculty and staff with valid ID. TICKETS are available

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Uncle returns for Scout ceremony

Andrew Klesh of Boy Scout Troop 677 in Ellisville, Mo., was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in a May 16 ceremony at the Beaumont Scout Reservation during the troop's annual campout.

The son of Kenneth and Ingrid Klesh, Andrew is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Klesh of Granite City and of Mrs. Marita Knapczyk of Columbia, Ill. Andrew's former Granite City resident John R. Klesh, made a special return trip from New York to attend the ceremony, which was held before a large assembly of family members and invited guests.

After receiving his Eagle badge, and, in turn, presenting it to his mother with his mother's pin and his father's necktie, Andrew thanked those who had helped him over the years and invited the younger Scouts in the assembly to aspire to this honor as well.

For his required Eagle Scout project, Andrew made a video program and booklet that explained in detail to teachers of the Rockwood School system how to use additional equipment and the Microsoft PowerPoint program to enhance their classroom presentations. The video is available in several school libraries throughout the district. Nearly 120 hours were spent in the planning and execution of the project.

Andrew is currently an honor roll freshman at Rockwood's Layton High School.

During his Scouting career,

Andrew has served as both assistant and senior patrol leader of Troop 677, as a



Andrew Klesh

member of the Inner Circle troop guides, and as a staff member of the Junior Leader Training Camp at the BSA Council's St. Louis Area Council's S-P Scout Ranch in Knob Lick, Mo. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and was inducted into the induction of the OA ceremonial team for Troop 677. He has earned 30 merit badges and is already eligible for the bronze Eagle palm award. During his summer of 1997, he attended the Northern Tier High Adventure Base, where he canoed the waters of Canada's Quetico Provincial Park. This August he will serve as a backpacking crew leader for a Troop 677 contingent to the Philmont Scout Ranch in the mountains of northern New Mexico.

Krinski among top in class

Cassandra Krinski graduated summa cum laude with a bachelors of science degree in nursing from the University of Missouri at Columbia on May 8. At the 156th Spring Commencement, she was acknowledged by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for outstanding merit and academic achievement.

Krinski has been recognized by numerous national organizations. She is a member of the Eta Sigma National Honor Society, the Golden Key National Honor Society, the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Rho Lambda, and Phi Kappa Phi, which recognizes the top one-percent of graduating seniors nationwide.

The University of Missouri Faculty Honor Council named her among the graduating seniors for academic excellence. The Nursing Alumni Organization selected her as the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Award.

Alpha Delta Sorority presented her with the Dorothy Ramage Award. Krinski is also listed in Who's Who in American Universities and



C. Krinski

Colleges:

A 1994 graduate of Granite City High School, she is the daughter of Tom and Pat Krinski and the granddaughter of Sophie Krinski.

She has accepted a position in the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit of University Hospital in Columbia, Mo., while continuing training as a nurse-anesthetist.

Milestones

Cindy Reber celebrates a birthday today, May 31. Carolyn Reed celebrates a birthday today, May 31. Archie F. Peters celebrates a birthday today, May 31. Bob and Cheryl Wright celebrate an anniversary today, May 31. Hershel Singleton celebrates a birthday June 1. Gena Bellamy celebrates a birthday June 1. Sandy Burns celebrates a birthday June 1. Robert "Bob" Parks celebrates a birthday June 1. Jenny and Charles Will celebrate an anniversary June 1. David and Minnie McCoskey celebrate an anniversary June 1. Cole Michael Coppersmith celebrates a birthday June 2. Amy and Mark Winn celebrate an anniversary June 2. Kevin and Sandra Slaton celebrate an anniversary June 2. Scott Fortune celebrates a birthday June 3. Amber Radcliff celebrates a birthday June 3. Harry Peterson celebrates a birthday June 3. Walter Smith celebrates a

birthday June 4. Kevin Wayne Wells celebrates a birthday June 4.

Scott Remkin celebrates a birthday June 4. Debbie Wells celebrates a birthday June 4.

June Nunnerly celebrates a birthday June 5.

James Broadway celebrates a birthday June 5.

Daniel William Timko celebrates a birthday June 5.

Danielle Lacquette celebrates a birthday June 5.

Patricia Radford celebrates a birthday June 5.

John Bellcoff celebrates a birthday June 6.

Brittney Bulva celebrates a birthday June 6.

Bethany Bulua celebrates a birthday June 6.

Dorothy Radford celebrates a birthday June 6.

Ronnie "Odie" Adamson celebra-

tes a birthday June 6.

Karen Grider celebra-

tes an anniversary June 6.

Teri and John Lake celebra-

tes an anniversary June 6.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an item, send a letter to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

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Friday 8 AM - 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM - Noon

Horseradish Festival begins

It's time once again for the annual Horseradish Festival in Collinsville.

This annual event is held in Collinsville's Park and Park the first weekend of June. It draws people from far and wide and celebrates the horseradish as being the "horseradish capital of the world" — a registered servicemark of the United States Patent Trademark Office.

Collinsville has received the distinction not only for the sheer quantity of horseradish produced, but also for its high quality, thanks to the rich Mississippi River bottoms soil.

Visitors to the International Horseradish Festival can enjoy many activities to choose from. Included in the festival is the "Root Toss," where competitors see who can throw the horseradish root the

farthest. Also, root golf is played to see if you can score a hole in one by hitting the "root ball" approximately 50 yards.

This year's Horseradish Festival will be Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7. All day events include the Little Miss and Mister Horseradish Pageants, crafts exhibits, live music and lots of food and drink. It's a great time for people of all roots and ages.

As a result of fertile river bottoms, 85 percent of the world's horseradish crop is grown in Madison and St. Clair counties.

Collinsville boasts as being the horseradish capital of the world; the festival celebrates this annually.

Additional horseradish festival information may be obtained by contacting the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce at 344-2884.

Festival schedule

Saturday, June 6

- 10:30 to 11 a.m. Opening ceremonies
- 11:15 to 12:30 p.m. Slapper County Western Dancers
- 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. Root Sacking Contest
- 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. Lavern Oatman Root Sacking Contest
- 2:45 to 2:45 p.m. Happy Tapper Cloggers
- 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Little Mister Horseradish Pageant
- 4 to 8 p.m. Smoke House Allstars
- 5 to 8 p.m. ...

Sunday, June 7

- 11:30 to 1:45 p.m. Little Miss Horseradish Pageant
- 2 to 5 p.m. George Portz and His Blue Grass Band
- During Intermission Root Sacking Contest

Optimist Pavilion Events

Saturday, June 6

- 11 to 11:15 a.m. Tot Trot
- 12 to 12:30 p.m. Boots and Slippers Square Dancers
- 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Recipe Contest
- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bloody Mary Contest
- 2 to 4 p.m. Wayne Scannell and Mark Saloni will entertain throughout the grounds.

Medical Center receives 'gift of love'

In the Kelly-green carpeted chapel of St. Elizabeth Medical Center there are, naturally, a number of religious artifacts and icons for veneration beneath the white, vaulted ceiling.

There are 22 chairs, most of which match the carpeting, and 10 stained-glass windows dedicated to past patients and benefactors.

There are 14 18-inch figures depicting the stations of the cross, and six hanging-globe lamps.

There are two statues and two musical instruments, an organ and a piano.

And, there is one painting.

It's not a Picasso, a Monet or a Titian. It's a Schroder, a famous name in the art world, but it's not the star quality that counts. It's the quantity.

The single canvas hangs here in reverent place because of a brother and sister who wanted to pay tribute to their deceased family members.

According to Dr. Albert Trtanj, a dentist at the medical center, he and his sister, Jerome Roberts, were searching for a suitable memorial when the sisters at St. Elizabeth told him about the painting.

They indicated that they had been painting which depicted St. Elizabeth, the patron saint of the hospital.

Trtanj said, "It was in great disrepair and they knew it might be a valuable project to get it restored."

"They thought if we'd handle it, they would like to see it restored and placed in the hospital environment," he added.

Produced in the late 19th century, the painting which depicts St. Elizabeth assisting



Dr. Albert Trtanj, Sister Jerome Roberts, chapel curator, and Jeanette Trtanj stand in front of the painting "St. Elizabeth Assisting the Needy" by Felix Schroder. The painting is located in the first-floor chapel at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

the needy was restored by Susan Wood of St. Louis.

"When I first received the painting, it suffered from three basic flaws," Wood said. "The varnish was discolored with embedded soot, there was generalized paint loss due to the canvas being rolled at one time and there were several tears in the canvas."

The restoration, which

consisted of removing the soot, stabilizing the tears, repairing the flaking paint and lining the canvas with a protective layer, took nearly two years and cost the Trtanjs more than \$4,500.

"The treatment greatly improved the appearance of the painting as well as stabilized the structural flaws," Wood said. "I hope that the hospital's patrons will

enjoy its presence for many years to come."

Patients and visitors of St. Elizabeth Medical Center are invited to visit the chapel and to share a quiet moment in the presence of a gift of love. (Article was written by freelance writer Bob Fehringer for the hospital's community relations department.)

Science Camp registering youngsters in all four levels of this year's event

Space is still available in all four levels for this summer's Science Day Camp scheduled June 15-19 and July 6-17 on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

A \$195 fee for each session includes a \$25 nonrefundable registration fee due with an application; the \$170 balance is due one week before a session begins.

Science Camp offers youth all ability levels stimulating experiences in science. In all activities, the importance of

safe procedures and responsible conduct will be emphasized. Campers will be grouped by age and experience for highly individualized, hands-on instruction in science. Other recreational activities, such as swimming, tennis,

soccer, softball, and hiking will also be available to camp participants.

For more information about science camp, call the SIUE Office of Conferences and Institutes, (618) 650-2550; or (888) 328-5168, Ext. 2660.

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Keep down vacation expenses

According to the Automobile Association of America, more than 230 million Americans will be taking vacations this summer. AAA anticipates an increase in travel this year due to a healthy economy and lower gasoline prices.

However, even with a "healthy" national economy, most families need to establish a vacation budget to keep their own economies healthy.

Here are some pre-vacation suggestions from Victoria Jacobson, vice president and director of education for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Mississippi River Valley, a financial management service for consumers who are having financial difficulties:

— Set a limit on what you can afford to spend on your vacation before you make plans.

Save, save, save. Put away a little each month from your paycheck or target a day refund or bonus check.

Compile a spending plan that includes all expenses like transportation, lodging and food. For a family of four, consisting of two adults and two children, plan on \$1,210 per day for lodging and meals, plus an additional \$10.80 per every 100 miles for gasoline, oil and general car maintenance, according to the AAA.

Keep all major credit cards at home. Use the one credit card only in emergencies. Many consumers charge their entire vacation on credit cards with little thought to future repayment. Don't get caught in the "revolving door" of credit card debt.

Keep track of spending so you don't run out of money.

Purchase travel checks with cash you have saved for your vacation fund. Save receipts and spending records so that you can review your budget accuracy.



Eagles activities

At left: Pictured from left, front row, are: Carolyn Schalbenrein and Carol Madison of the Illinois Autism Center; and Eagles Auxiliary 1126 President Mildred Boyd. Back row: Charity chairwoman Mezo and Mary Church. A check for \$3,300 was presented to the center at the May 12 Mother's Day Banquet at the Eagles Home. Above: Boyd stands with new member Juanita Spray, who was initiated into the Auxiliary at the banquet.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued through the St. Clair County Clerk's Office:

Brian D. Absher and Melissa A. Walsh, both of O'Fallon.

Mark Acord of West Lafayette, Ind., and Jodi Carpenter of Belleville.

Jeffrey L. Anderson and Nancy J. Matuchko, both of O'Fallon.

James R. Armstrong Sr. of Alorton and Lovie L. Stevenson of East St. Louis.

Jeremy M. Bateman and Sharon K. Lewis, both of O'Fallon.

John E. Connor and Letitia R. Bright, both of Belleville.

Terry E. Crook of Belleville and Sonja V. Cooley of Dupo.

Alan D. Dasher and Lori A. Barrett, both of Belleville.

Chad B. Dettinger of Ashley and Jennifer P. Hayes of Caseville.

Nick A. Dickhaut of Mascoutah and Kimberly S. Colburn of Belleville.

Jaimie Durand and Sandra Irwin, both of Lebanon.

Juan Salinas Gonzales and Maria J. Jose, both of Belleville.

Carlton P. Grandberry of St. Louis and Caroleen Y. Jones of Cahokia.

Eric Grimmer Jr. and Susan Bass, both of St. Louis.

Ryan M. Gross and Stacey E. Stamper, both of O'Fallon.

Alvin L. Guley of Desoto, Texas, and Fonda L. Clayborne of East St. Louis.

Joseph R. Hardimon of Belleville and Lisa M. Krauss of Swansea.

Darius A. Henderson and Annie Jackson, both of Washington Park.

Craig M. Hofmeister and Dawn R. VanKampen both of Swansea.

Isaac R. Hines and Katherine L. Neubauer, both of St. Library.

Nathaniel W. Howell and Jessica R. Miller, both of Alorton.

Michael A. Kamm and Jaime B. Vazquez, both of Belleville.

Raymond A. Land and Arlene F. Goss, both of Swansea.

Lester L. Lewis of Renton, Wash., and Delnas Y. Davis of Belleville.

Robert J. Lindauer of Smithton and Stephanie L. Niemeyer of Belleville.

Kevin P. Long of Cleveland, Ohio, and Donna M. Hults of Cahokia.

Kevin D. Louden of Belleville and Tina M. Wells of Desoto, Mo.

John P. Lynch and Leslie J. Strubberg, both of Cahokia.

John P. Lynch and Ruth A. Lynch, both of Belleville.

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Jason C. Miller and Karen L. Barnes, both of Belleville.

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Marcus A. Smith of El Paso, Texas, and Katherine V. Paine of Belleville.

Luther W. Sturgill Jr. and Laurie Carpenter, both of Summertown.

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Robert S. Tedesco and Lori R. Martin, both of Belleville.

Patricia S. Tidwell and Suzanne V. Schaefer, both of Belleville.

Eric B. Walker of O'Fallon and Julie A. Krug of Belleville.

Demetrius J. Williams of Grand Forks, N.D., and Ladonna D. Jackson of Belleville.

John F. Yancey III and Diana M. Fetter, both of Belleville.

William H. Arquette and Joyce A. McConnell, both of Freeburg.

Audrey L. Barnes II and Dana M. Murphy, both of O'Fallon.

Billy J. Barnhart and Kathleen A. Rose, both of Troy.

Timothy R. Bartling of Collinsville and Jacqueline C. Ward of East Alton.

Michael L. Beaver and Tyeasha D. Griffin, both of O'Fallon.

Michael J. Borrelli and Jane G. Hinseler, both of Millstadt.

Mark D. Browning of Edwardsville and Samantha L. Ottwell of O'Fallon.

David L. Collins of O'Fallon and Phillip M. Lebill of Fairview Heights.

Clabon W. Epps Jr. and Joann Boyd, both of East St. Louis.

John C. Farmer and Joann and Anna M. Morris, both of Cahokia.

Peri E. Hazelip of Collinsville and Carolyn E. Agnew of Belleville.

Robert E. Hause Jr. and Peggy A. Shramok, both of Swansea.

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Robert J. Jones and Jennifer A. Hanggi, both of Belleville.

Gregory F. Marin and Brenda B. Dunbar, both of Mascoutah.

Jasine Mezo and Sonia Reyes, both of Swansea.

Armando G. Montez and Maria D. Rubio, both of Collinsville.

Daniel D. Patterson of O'Fallon

and Ingrid C. Owens of Lebanon.

Anthony L. Prude Sr. of East St. Louis and Carla G. Rose of Cahokia.

James E. Richardson and Rochelle D. Ramsey, both of O'Fallon.

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Leigha Robinson of Cahokia, a boy.
- Shonda and Vincent Cook of Swansea, a girl.
- April 14
Michelle DeRosset of O'Fallon, a girl.
- Melissa and Erik Siekmann of Glen Carbon, a boy.
- John and Guillen of Belleville, a girl.
- April 16
Sandra and Mark Kabureck of Lebanon, a boy.
- Malisa Grinston of Belleville, a girl.

- Dariene and Henry Dahms of Belleville, a boy.
- Karen and John Leadlove of Belleville, a boy.
- Kathleen and David Noonan of Belleville, a girl.
- Kelly and Gary Kemper of Freeburg, a boy.
- Andrea Jarrett of Belleville, a girl.
- Stacy Fillingham of East Carondelet, a girl.
- Marcella Hicks of Cahokia, a girl.
- Santina and Duane Stemmyer of Waterloo, a girl.
- Mary and William Begis Jr. of Cahokia, a boy.
- Linda Mitchell of Belleville, a girl.
- April 19
Christine and Keith McNelly of

- Belleville, a girl.
- Michelle and Kevin McDaniel of O'Fallon, a boy.
- April 20
Alicia and Daniel Bauer of Belleville, a girl.
- Tavaona Tillman of O'Fallon, a girl.
- Eva McDowell of Granite City, a girl.
- April 21
Kimberly Basden of Collinsville, a girl.
- Teresa and Daniel Harris of Belleville, a girl.
- April 22
Rita and Ryan Johnson of Lebanon, a boy.
- Beth and Chad Bizarro of O'Fallon, a girl.
- Teresa and Warren Fehrenz of Belleville, a girl.
- April 23
Tina Hale of Swansea, a boy.
- Jamie and Steven Cobb of Smithton, a girl.
- April 24
Lee Hooker of Cahokia, a girl.
- Nicole Stokes of Cahokia, a girl.
- April 25
April and Robert Johnson Sr. of Collinsville, a boy.
- Sandra and Bryan Skelton of O'Fallon, a boy.
- Pamela and William Boker Jr. of

- Freeburg, a girl.
- Nicole Stewart of O'Fallon, a girl.
- Kristal Bostic of Cahokia, a boy.
- LaShonda Hill of Washington Park, a girl.
- Christine and Keith Howard of Belleville, a girl.
- Dawn Weller of Belleville, a boy.
- Kristine and Kent Heberer of Belleville, a girl.
- Teresa and Dean Huston of Freeburg, a girl.
- April 26
Lori and Starnes of Caseyville, a boy.
- Doris and Wayne Linter of Vene-
dy, a girl.
- April 27
Heather and Michael McKinney of Belleville, a boy.
- Christine and Jeff Detmer of Bremen, a girl.
- Eric and Dwayne McCoy of Belleville, a boy.
- April 28
Vera Poe of O'Fallon, a girl.
- Kelly Keel of Dupo, a girl.
- April 29
Julie and Darryl Malherbe of Belleville, a girl.
- April 30
Tammie and Thomas Carpenter of Freeburg, a boy.
- May 1
Doris and Wayne Linter of Vene-
dy, a girl.
- May 2
Renee Donato of O'Fallon, a girl.
- April 28
Carol Dickerson of Alorton, a girl.
- Heather and Neil Lehr of Belleville, a girl.
- Carolin and Brian Dolon of Lexington, a girl.
- Tammie and Thomas Carpenter of Freeburg, a boy.
- May 2
Kara and Donald Williams of Trenton, a girl.

The following birth announcements recently were released by Elizabeth's Hospital in Alton:

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Dani and Jamey Absher of Mascoutah, a girl.

April 23
Elle King and Sean Carter of Belleville, a boy.

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Monica and Craig Venner of Evansville, a girl.

April 25
Dee and Jeff Bloomer, Gh. Belleville, a girl.

April 25
Lisa and Mark Drury of New Heights, a boy.

April 27
Crystal Lynch of Collinsville, a girl.

April 28
Michelle and Keith Richards of Mascoutah, a boy.

Events calendar

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History

A Civil War Family Campout is planned for June 13-14 at JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL PARK. Participants will actively take part in infantry, artillery and cavalry tactics. Ladies will learn about the

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Participants under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult for the entire weekend. Registration is \$20 per person, plus an additional \$10, a family may use a tent provided by the park department. Food will be provided.

For more information, call (314) 544-5714.

Also, a Living History Summer Camp is set for 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 15-20 at Jefferson Barracks.

Campers will experience the way

both soldiers and civilians lived in the 1860s.

Participants will sample such experiences as military drill, setting up camp, making period meals, candle making and cartridge making. A sleep-over is scheduled for Saturday night.

Admission is \$65 per child. Children must be between 9 to 15 years old. The sleeper requires parental supervision. Admission is \$10 per day. To register or for more information, call (314) 544-5714, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

Clubs entertain variety of guests

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This event is held on the third Sunday of every month.

Central Christian

On May 7, the women and girls of Central Christian Church and their friends were entertained at Ladies' Night Out. A dinner of lasagna, salad and dessert was served by male members and friends of the church.

After the dinner, those attending moved to the sanctuary where a special program was presented by a young couple from the Anchored Soul Singing group.

Saturday is the date of the Fellowship's annual Strawberry Festival, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church,

2020 Johnson Road.

The program is invited to attend. The meal plan includes a sandwich, coleslaw, chips, strawberry shortcake with ice cream, and a drink at \$5 per ticket. Call 692-2774.

There will be a bakery, handmade items, plants and other gift items in the bazaar. A drawing will be held for the quilt made by Anna Olson, a member of CWF, at the end of the day.

Sons of the Revolution

Ronald F. Luebben of Granite City was the recipient of a Patriot Medal presented by the Sons of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution during its annual meeting in Springfield on May 9. The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented

by the Illinois Society, with only one or two being awarded annually.

Luebben has 13 years of service as a member of the George Rogers Clark Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Illinois Society. During eight of those years, he served as Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee of the Illinois Society and the Chapter. Luebben has had a lifelong commitment to Boy Scouting, holding numerous responsible positions in his local council and the local West Boy Scout Council. Under his direction and active interest, the Illinois Society Eagle Scout Program continues to expand and improve. The support and guidance he has given to the local SAR chapters throughout Illinois, Madison County recipients of other awards include the State Society were a Meritorious Service Medal to Charles B. Schweizer of Edwardsville and a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Harry K. Windland of Glen Carbon.

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A. _____

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Pilot program aims at demolishing abandoned homes in St. Clair County

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

WASHINGTON PARK
Washington Park may soon become the focus of a pilot program being designed to demolish derelict and abandoned homes throughout St. Clair County.

In a meeting last week at the county's health department, Washington Park Mayor Paul Moore told Bruce Ruesch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago that there are around 350 homes to be demolished in Washington Park.

Moore said the city has been

working for the last two years to demolish homes as finances allow. He said the remnants of about 30 homes still stand pilled up on the ground.

"As we can afford dumpsters, we haul them off," Moore said. "We slacked up on demolition because of the 30 on the ground."

Under the county's new home inspection program that began Jan. 1, the zoning department is in the process of identifying structures that need to be demolished.

Ruesch said that illegal dumping at derelict and abandoned homes creates additional problems.

We need to identify properties that are clearly magnets for open dumping sites," Ruesch said.

Moore said he had requested local fire departments to use abandoned homes in Washington Park as training sites.

"The problem is the air quality is so poor because of the houses, we could only do two to three homes a year," Moore said.

The group, which consists of about 10 people, including St. Clair County Board member Frank Heiligenstein, also discussed ways to finance the

project. "Funding is available from the Federal level. I would like to match that with local money," Ruesch said. "I've got the Federal in and a lot of money into something and then walk away, it's not going to last."

Other financial support, such as grants and the use of in-kind services, was also discussed. Ruesch said he was looking at between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to get the project started.

To proceed with the project, plans are to send area mayor letters requesting documentation, including pictures, of abandoned homes. The group will meet within the next month to begin to develop a plan, including a timeline and budget to get the structures torn down.

Casino commission may now discipline boats in moats

By Barbara Ponder
Staff writer

"I just can't help but believe that good sense and logic will prevail in this. To close these things down right now would destroy logic."

Michael O'Brien
Maryland Heights mayor

Casinos in St. Louis and Kansas City are conducting a petition drive to put an amendment to the Missouri Constitution on the November ballot. The amendment would allow for the operation of casinos in water-filled artificial basins within 1,000 feet of the Missouri or Mississippi rivers.

Casino employees, like Tonya Hall of Harrah's-St. Louis Riverport, are hoping the Supreme Court's ruling will become final in less than two weeks.

"At some point after that the state will prepare preliminary orders for discipline and that will set the process in motion," said Mel Fisher, acting director of the Missouri Gaming Commission.

A casino facing disciplinary action for operation in the river will be fined and required to conduct games of chance, including slot machines and roulette wheels — has 90 days to request a hearing before a commission hearing.

Gamblers of skill, such as poker, blackjack and craps — would be unaffected.

The Missouri Supreme Court cast doubt on the legality of casinos operating in artificial basins in November 1997 when it found the state Constitution makes no provision for such facilities.

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Handy tips on the use of Garden Color from the experts

We all want to make the most out of your garden? Who doesn't? A bright, colorful garden is a true delight, drawing rave reviews from one and all. What makes it beautiful is the color and the proper use of color makes it even better.

We've all known that certain someone who knows color what goes with this and that, what clashes, and what doesn't. This talent can make or break a garden. If you're not one with this particular talent and just toss color down anywhere, you can be missing out.

The color of your garden should complement the house, not clash with it. Those with gray or beige houses have things a little easier since almost anything goes with them. But if your house is accented with colorful trim, things can get more tricky. You'll want appropriate colors in your garden. For example, red is a direct complement of green. Red geraniums will make a pleasing effect with a green house.

There are four groups of colors. They are analogous, complementary, triadic and monochromatic. Purchasing a color wheel will give you a better idea of all this, since it's tough to describe colors without using black and white type. Rotating around a basic color wheel, the colors go from red to orange to yellow to green to blue to violet and back to red.

An analogous color scheme uses colors that are next to each other on the color wheel. For an analogous harmony, you can start anywhere on the color wheel and go forward or backward to get a harmonious scheme.

A complementary color scheme uses colors that are directly opposite each other on the color wheel. For example, red and green, orange and blue. Some very striking uses of color can be made with complements.

An unusual, but very attractive idea is to use three colors that are of equal distance from each other on the wheel. For example, yellow, red and blue form a triadic

harmony. This color scheme will give you more color and the opportunity to have a greater variety of plants.

A monochromatic color scheme means that all the flowers are the same color or lighter and/or darker shades of the same color. Examples are red, pink and burgundy impatiens.

It's a well-known fact that colors affect people in different ways. Red and yellow are considered attention-getters and they usually get it. Flashing red lights are always noticed. Ever see a fire truck that's not red or yellow?

Yellow is a good color for caution areas, such as garden borders. Whenever you want anything to stand out, pick yellow, it usually works.

For a calming color, the vast majority vote for blue. Using blue in the garden can create a restful, peaceful oasis from the everyday world. It's also a great accent color with bright pink or yellow and is a direct complement of orange.

Green is considered restful to the eyes. Allowing plenty of foliage to be seen and admired is very beneficial to any garden.

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Temple mounds is named to endangered places list

By Jason White
Staff writer

Underneath the streets of downtown East St. Louis is an even older site that is under a century of development.

The East St. Louis Mound Group has been named one of this year's 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in the country, according to a list prepared by the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois.

The 50-acre site is a chain of 50 ceremonial mounds, mostly under Colliganville Avenue and parallel to Interstate 64, University of Illinois anthropology professor Tom Emerson said.

Although archaeologists have studied the site in the 1800s, the rapid industrialization of East St. Louis in the early 20th century was thought to have destroyed the site.

But when the Illinois Department of Transportation started widening I-64 in 1988, archeologists rediscovered the site.

"That's when we realized it was intact under the current city," Emerson said.

In fact, Emerson said, the filling in of low areas for flood protection is what saved the site.

Emerson, the director of the university's Transportation Archaeology Research Program, said the site's inclusion on the list will boost public awareness of its historical significance.

The East St. Louis site may have been a sub-capital of the Cahokia Mounds site, which the U.S. National Park Service added to the World Heritage Site in 1982. At their peak 10 centuries ago, both sites were home to 20,000 Native Americans — making the area the largest and most complex site in North America.

Archaeologists have found the outlines of buildings, artifacts and other remains to indicate the size of the city. The mounds served as bases for elevated temples and the homes of tribal chiefs.

Emerson hopes to enlist the help of local officials in drafting protective ordinances to preserve the site for future study.

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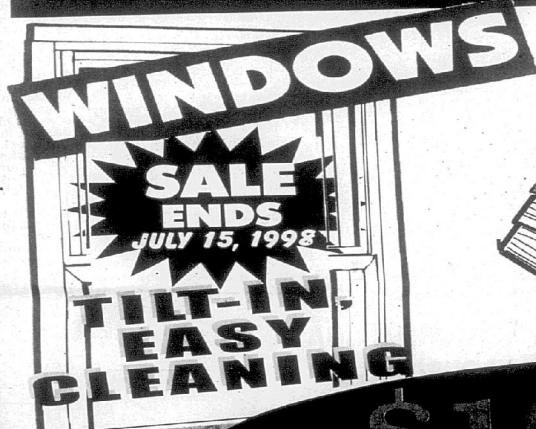
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By Tom Strongman

Even though most sport-utility vehicles are based on trucks, some of the hottest sellers rival luxury sedans in terms of equipment and features.

To test the waters for an upscale version of its SUVs, GMC debuted the Envoy last year at the Chicago Auto Show. Now it's in production with a mission: Establish GMC as a builder of premium sport-utility vehicles and grab a piece of the luxury pie. It has a big brother.

The Envoy is a dolled up Jimmy with a host of amenities, such as leather upholstery, wood trim, premium stereo and a distinctive exterior featuring High-Intensity Discharge headlights, five-spoke wheels and a monotone paint job that highlights simplified lower body cladding.

The result is comfortable and cushy, less truck-like than its overall look would suggest. The base price is a hefty \$34,135, although everything but a power sun roof (\$995) is standard.

The two-tone, glove-soft leather upholstery and Zebrawood wood trim create a refined atmosphere. The interior is large, the seats are wide and plush, and the dash surface looks like leather even though it isn't. Chrome door handles look elegant, but feel unfinished on the back where your

fingers touch. The Bose stereo has superb sound quality. Remote audio controls enable passengers to listen to CDs with earphones while those in front listen to the radio. This is a welcome touch for families with teenagers.

Almost everywhere throughout the interior has been integrated. A four-disc CD changer is integrated into the console to facilitate loading music without having to go around to the back of the vehicle. A 12-volt power outlet as well as one for the on-board air compressor are located in the cargo bay.

Bags are great for active folks who need to pump up soccer balls or bike tires at the park.

A pull-out cover is built into the side of the cargo space so luggage and items can be stowed. By folding this shade into the side panel, it doesn't have to be removed when you want to fold down the back seat to carry stuff. Good thinking. A removable cargo net keeps small items from rolling around in the cargo area.

The overhead console has a trip computer as well as a HomeLink transmitter for garage doors and security gates.

Often, folding down the back seat of a SUV requires a bit more effort than the Envoy does in execution. In one simple motion, the back seat tumbles forward, the head rest folds down and you have a flat floor in seconds.

In keeping with the luxury nature of this vehicle, GMC's Premium Smooth Ride suspension package is specified, and it does a good job of softening the blows of bumps while providing a car-like ride. Rear air shocks automatically adjust and lower the vehicle according to load or towing requirements. They are the reason there is an air-compressor outlet in the cargo bay.

The 4.3-liter, V-6 Vortec engine is up-sped from other Jimmys. The engine is capable of pulling a 5,000-pound trailer.

Four-wheel-drive is engaged with buttons on the dash rather than a floor-mounted shifter lever.

GM's OnStar communication system, is a dealer-installed option that uses a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) and a hands-free cellular phone to track and monitor the vehicle as well as provide a variety of services including getting help in the event of an accident.

Given the city use of most sport-utilities, the Envoy makes sense. Not only does it ride smoothly, but it surrounds its passengers with a sense of comfort, gets sound audio and requires power options.

The base price is \$34,135. The only option, a power sun roof, brought the sticker of our test vehicle to \$35,345.

The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Points & Plugs

"Sport wagons" could be next automotive trend

By Rick Stoff

Want to look really, really cool? Start the next road trend by buying a "sport wagon." Sport wagon could be the next big thing in the automotive world, bypassing the sport-utility vehicle off the throne, predicts the trade publication Automotive News. The magazine says the Subaru Legacy Outback and Lexus RX300 are just the first soldiers in the next century's auto sales offensive.

"We believe sport wagons 'blend the most desirable attributes of cars and light trucks,'" the magazine quotes an industry executive who thinks today's buyers love the image and sportiness of sport-utility vehicles but don't care for the fuel economy and handling of truck-like vehicles.

If you tried to replace or repair anything electrical in a new car lately? Well, it's going to become even more difficult.

General Motors has a current luxury car, such as an Oldsmobile Aurora, has so many electrical gadgets that it weighs about 10 pounds more, weighing 65 pounds. A solution, being pursued by Motorola, is the use of micro-processors to "multiplex" wires. That means one wire can be used to serve numerous accessories.

We may have performed our final stereo upgrades. GM is making major changes to its cars to eliminate weight in electrical components, a race-car builder is putting more weight into its LeMans sports car.

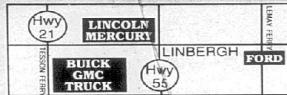
The \$1-million Panoz Q4 may or may not have a chance at qualifying for the 24 Hours of LeMans this summer. It carries a 6.0-liter V-12 Ford V-8 engine, a 1,000-horsepower electric motor and 300 pounds of nickel-metal hydride batteries.

The extra equipment adds 205 pounds to the car, which amounts to at least a 10-percent weight penalty in the realm of prototype sports car racing. But the combination of gasoline engine and 300-horsepower electric motor are expected to produce a total of 730 horses, enabling the car to go two seconds per lap faster than a similar car with only the engine.

Don't forget to take extra batteries. Viewed in retrospect, riding in an old Volkswagen Beetle was about as safe as rolling down a highway entrance ramp in a garbage can. Sure the car was cheap, but all that separated us from the cars in the next lane was a thin door built from thin, rapidly rusting steel.

The new Beetle, however, might be one of the safest small cars ever made. Such tests, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety rated the '98 Beetle "better than average." Quite an accomplishment for a vehicle in the smaller-than-an-Army tank size class.

Tulsa, Okla., has buried a Plymouth Prowler in a time capsule that will be opened in 2048. The Prowler actually serves as a sort of trade-in, since the city buried a Plymouth Belvedere in 1957 that it plans to dig up in 2007.



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Becoming Eagle Scouts is a family affair

Brothers have earned 25-plus merit badges each

By LaRita Marie Heet
Staff writer

For David and Joshua Leeds, Scouting is a way of life and has been for as long as they can remember.

Their respective careers in Scouting will reach their peak Wednesday when David, 18, and Joshua, 15, each is to be presented with the highest honor in Boy Scouts — the Eagle Scout award.

While the honor of the Eagle Scout award is nice, David said, its value lies in his entire Boy Scout career.

"It's the whole experience of it," David said. "How can you put nine years into words? That's worth a lot to me — I grew up in Boy Scouts."

Joshua also grew up as a Scout.

"I started in kindergarten as a Cub Scout," Joshua said.

The family lives in Creve Coeur. David joined Scouts in Westfield, N.J., and continued on when he was a Cub Scout in Littleton, Colo. As a member of the highly regarded Order of the Arrow, he has earned 25 merit badges, including those for Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, Emergency Preparedness, Forestry and Environmental Science.

He has traveled to Boundary Waters, Minn., as well as to Sea Base, Fla., and to summer camps in Missouri, Colorado and Kentucky. David just graduated from Parkway Central High School and is planning to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins this fall.

Joshua joined Scouts in Littleton, and also has traveled to Boundary Waters, Sea Base and summer camps in Missouri, Colorado and Kentucky.

He has earned 27 merit badges, including ones for Indian Lore, Citizenship in the Nation, Wilderness Survival, Space Exploration, Reptile and Amphibian, and First Aid. He is finishing his freshman year at Parkway

“I’ve learned leadership. The Boy Scouts taught me how to take control of situations. I see this (quality) in other Scouts, too.”

David Leeds

Central High School
One of the best parts of it all is the camping. I really like the outdoors and being with my friends," said Joshua, who has also earned the World Conservation award and a White House environmental protection commendation.

Both Joshua and David feel they've learned valuable lessons from Boy Scouts.

"I've learned leadership," David said. "The Boy Scouts taught me how to take control of situations. I see this (quality) in other Scouts, too. You can tell from the way they carry themselves."

Josh agreed.

"Boy Scouts teaches you how to act respectfully and how to manage others," he said. "It also gives you confidence in yourself."

Linda and Rick Leeds, the boys' parents, have always played an active role in the Scouting program.

"I was a Cub leader for seven years and have always helped in general," Linda said. "Their father has been really active in Scouts, too. We're so grateful we've been able to see them grow together."

Only 2 percent of those entering Boy Scouts ever become Eagle Scouts, she said. The program has helped her sons gain self-confidence.

"This confidence comes from each level they've mastered and skills they've tried," Linda said. "They are able to speak in front of people. The Boy Scouts has done this for them."



Drafters

Jim Sodam, above, a senior at Freeburg High School, won second-place award for the computer-aided drafting/machine portion of the 21st annual Illinois Drafting Educators Association high school drafting competition, recently hosted by Belleville Area College. At right, Jeremy Cox of Waterloo, also a student at Freeburg, participates in the machine board portion. Below, Freeburg student Charles Enderle also participates in the machine board section.



Freeburg Junior Kyle Biermann, above, won the second-place award for the computer-aided drafting/architectural portion. Below, Nathan Luberda, who also attends Freeburg, participates in the computer-aided drafting/machine portion.



Amanda Doyle photos

Music director retires

Lindbergh teacher moves on after 41 years

By Jim Merkel
Staff writer

Bob Tobler has played in backup bands for Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley, and in Many Opera and Fox Theatre orchestras for Red Skelton and Bob Hope.

For all of that, Tobler says some of the most people he has encountered are the administrators, community, staff, parents and students of the Lindbergh School District in Missouri.

Tobler, who is retiring as band director and director of music for the Lindbergh district at the end of the school year, says that's why he has stayed with Lindbergh for 41 years.

"I've bought three homes in the district and raised three kids in the district," Tobler, 63, said. "I've had chances to move."

But when Tobler looked at the support he was receiving at Lindbergh, he decided he had to stay.

Tobler, who was recognized at a reception in honor of Lindbergh High School on May 27, plans to continue his second career following his retirement, that of a professional musician.

His current work as co-conductor for the Muny Opera Orchestra and co-contractor for the Fox Theatre Orchestra, and teaching applied music (lower brass) at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

That work represents the second career Tobler has had through the years, as he tried to raise the money needed to allow his wife, Pat, to stay home and raise their three children.

"I was working night and

day, virtually, to make it happen," Tobler said.

Before he was hired by the Lindbergh District as concert director in 1957, Tobler did substitute work with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra in college and had a chance to play trombone full-time for the symphony.

"I opted to go into education. I'm glad I did," Tobler said.

"I never put myself in that position that I had to support the family from the music business."

A graduate of Beaumont High School, Tobler had a chance to taste life as a professional musician while he attended Washington University.

In addition to his substitute work for the St. Louis Symphony, Tobler played at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel and on the Admiral when it made excursions down the Mississippi River. He also wrote two method books for Mel Bay Publishing and was involved in music recording.

At the time, Tobler went to work for the Lindbergh District, where he could have chosen to work for the University City School District, which was one of the leading cultural centers in the country.

His mentor at Washington University instead encouraged him to sign at Lindbergh even though the district was just starting.

"They recommended Lindbergh as being one of the up-and-coming areas," Tobler said.

When he came to the district, Tobler was in charge of the brass, and the other co-music director was in charge of woodwinds.

There was no band in charge of strings and no marching band. The two co-directors were in charge of the concert, junior high and elementary school band programs.

"As things grew, we had to increase our teaching staff to accommodate enrollment," Tobler said. Today, there are six instrumental music teachers including Tobler, and Lindbergh has one of the premier music programs in the state.

More recently, the string program at Lindbergh has taken off under the leadership of Sue Rols. Today, the strings program includes the high school Strolling Strings, a group that strolls as it plays and the middle school Fiddlers.

Tobler said the administration, community and school board have been extremely supportive of the arts.

"In a lot of districts, the arts are not considered that important," Tobler said. "It's because of that that we've always had good music programs."

Muny musician has played for Sinatra, Elvis

By Jim Merkel
Staff writer

When the Lindbergh High School Spirit of St. Louis Marching Band went to the Paris Air Show last year, one person who didn't go was Robert Tobler.

Tobler would have loved to attend. But the obligation of his second career prevented him; Tobler is the co-personnel director for the Muny Opera Association and is also a musician at the Muny.

As such, he has had to rehearse for the next show while playing in the current show, in all kinds of weather.

Tobler recalls that when Debbie Reynolds was at the Muny, she insisted she would perform through a rain storm, until one little incident.

"A bolt of lightning shot out of one of theseamps. She said 'Good night, folks, that's it.'"

Tobler also recalls playing in backup bands for Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack and for Elvis Presley when those performers came to town. He remembers Elvis coming up to him at the old Kiel Auditorium and saying, "Have we got a good crowd tonight?"

While Tobler said it was a thrill to play for the stars, two of the people he has enjoyed playing with most are his two sons, Randy and Jeff.

Randy Tobler, an obstetrician/gynecologist, plays the trombone occasionally professionally. He is president of a gynecology business, plays the trumpet and is leader of Phoenix, a dance band.

Robert, Jeff and Randy played together at St. Louis football Cardinals games for many years until the team moved out of St. Louis. His daughter, Lisa Foshee of Dallas, also plays the violin.